

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 21 and 26. The Examiner also allowed claims 1-4, 7-16, 27-29, 31-36, and 38. Further, the Examiner objected to claims 22-24 and 37 for depending from rejected base claim 21, but indicated that these claims each contain allowable subject matter. Applicants canceled claims 5, 6, 17-20, 25, and 30 in previous communications. Applicants thank the Examiner for the recognition of allowable subject matter in the present claims.

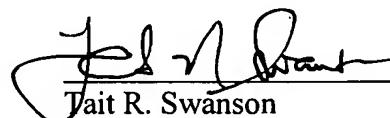
By the present Response, Applicants have chosen to place the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claim 21 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 37, which is presently canceled without prejudice. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-4, 7-16, 21-24, 26-29, 31-36, and 38 will remain pending in the present patent application and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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